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SUBJ: DRAFT REMARKS FOR CHANCERY OPENING FEBRUARY 28

1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED REMARKS CHARGE WOULD MAKE AT FEBRUARY 28 RECEPTION FOR OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW CHANCERY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS, SUGGESTED CHANGES DEPARTMENT BELIEVES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE OCCASION. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT AS CLEARED BY THE DEPARTMENT BY COB BERLIN TIME FEBRUARY 23 SO THAT TEXT CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO GERMAN. WHILE REMARKS WILL BE MADE IN ENGLISH, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE GERMAN TRANSLATION READ OR AVAILABLE AT THE SAME TIME.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
COMPLEMENTARY OPENING, ACKNOWLEDGING PRESENCE OF RANKING GDR OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS, OTHER DIPLOMATS, GDR GUESTS, AMERICAN CITIZENS.

3. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I TAKE PLEASURE IN WELCOMING YOU TO THE NEW AMERICAN EMBASSY CHANCERY. THIS CHANCERY REPRESENTS THE CULMINA-
TION OF MUCH HARD WORK AND LONG HOURS BY MANY PEOPLE IN
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BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES. I WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE GDR AND AMERICAN CRAFTSMEN WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO MAKE IT THE HANDSOME BUILDING IT IS. WE ARE CONFIDENT IT WILL SERVE US INTERESTS AND NEEDS ACROSS THE ENTIRE RANGE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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4. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE RELATIVELY NEW; APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 YEARS. DURING THIS SHORT PERIOD, WE HAVE GAINED A BETTER APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS IN THE RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN BILATERAL STEPS FROM WHICH THE PEOPLES OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES CAN BENEFIT. STATE SECRETARY BEIL HAS TWICE VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN PURSUIT OF THE EXPANSION OF TRADE RELATIONS. WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSULT PERIODICALLY ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND NEEDS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. WE HAVE ALSO SIGNED A FISHERIES AGREEMENT. WHILE THESE ARE BILATERAL STEPS, WE HOPE AT THE SAME TIME THAT CONTACT ON THESE ISSUES -- AS WELL AS OTHERS -- WILL LEAD TO A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THEIR GLOBAL NATURE AS WELL AND THAT THROUGH A MUTUAL DIALOGUE WE WILL BE ABLE TO APPROACH THESE PROBLEMS AND THEIR WORLD-WIDE DIMENSION WITH MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING.

5. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL RELATIONS THROUGH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS PRIVATE CHANNELS BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SUCH EXCHANGES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE ARE PLEASED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT SCHOLARS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES ARE ABLE TO EXCHANGE PROFESIONAL VISITS FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.

6. WE HAVE MADE A START. THE ROAD AHEAD REMAINS IN PART UNCHARTED AND MAY NOT ALWAYS BE SMOOTH. BUT WITH CARE AND PRUDENCE, IT CAN LEAD TO WHAT WE BELIEVE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

A COMMON GOAL: THE STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

7. BEFORE I CONCLUDE, I WANT TO MENTION THE EXHIBIT IN OUR LIBRARY CALLED "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS", PRINCIPLES ENSHRINED IN THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH OUR PEOPLE CONTINUE TO HOLD DEAR AND CHERISH. WE THIN IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT OUR FIRST EXHIBIT SHOULD BE ON THIS THEME. ANOTHER ELEMENT OF OUR HISTORY IS OUR READINESS TO EXPLORE NEW CHALLENGES, AND ONE OF THESE RECENT CHALLENGES HAS BEEN SPACE. WE WERE PLEASED LAST YEAR BY THE RECEPTION OF AMERICAN ASTRONAUT CARR BY GDR SCIENTISTS AND OFFICIALS AND THERFORE HOPE YOU WILL FIND INTERESTING ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF OUR SPACE PROGRAM -- A SPECIMEN OF A MOON ROCK, WHICH IS ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY.

8. WE SHALL ALSO SHOW A FILM ON THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER IN THE AUDITORIUM WHICH YOU ARE ALL

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CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

9. LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING THAT MY GOVERNMENT AND THE EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF WELCOME YOU AND THE CITIZENS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRACTIC REPUBLIC TO USE THESE FACILITIES. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL. THANK YOU.POLANSKY

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